

# STANLEY'S TRIUMPH.

Colonel Grant's Paper Read Before the Royal Geographical Society.

A Brilliant Assemblage of Savans and Ladies.

The Work of the American Explorer Fully Indorsed.

His War Action Approved—"Kill or Be Killed."

Grand Success of the Herald and Telegraph Expedition.

Colonel Burton Stands Corrected.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD BY CABLE.]

There was a meeting of the members of the Royal Geographical Society to-day.

SPECIAL OBJECT OF THE ASSEMBLAGE. They were assembled for the purpose of listening to Colonel Grant's address on the subject of Mr. H. M. Stanley's (the commander of the *HERALD* and *Telegraph* expedition)—explorations in the region of the Victoria Nyanza, Africa.

DISTINGUISHED PERSONAGES PRESENT. Among the distinguished personages present were—Major General Sir Henry C. Rawlinson, Sir Samuel Baker, Colonel Burton, Sir Fowell Buxton, Baroness Burdett Coutts, Rev. Mr. Moffat (Dr. Livingstone's father-in-law), Dr. Rae and others. Many ladies of aristocratic rank were seated on General Rawlinson's right and on Colonel Grant's left.

COLONEL GRANT'S PAPER. The paper which was read by Colonel Grant amounted simply to a eulogium of Stanley, who was praised for his perseverance, courage and success in carrying out in the most complete manner the intent of his commission from the *Herald* and *Telegraph*. THE FAME OF THE AMERICAN INDORSED BY OTHER EXPLORERS.

Sir Samuel Baker, Colonel Burton and Colonel Grant spoke emotionally on the subject of Stanley's verification of Speke's views on the subject of the rise and course of the river Nile. HIS REWARD. The three celebrated African travellers said that nothing in the gift of the Geographical Society would be too high a reward for Stanley's services in the cause of science. He deserved, they said, a reception on his return to England like that which was accorded to Speke and Grant in the old Burlington House after their discovery of Lake Victoria.

AN IMPORTANT POINT OF INFORMATION. The speakers laid stress on the point that Mr. Stanley considered the Shimeyni River the most southern source of the Nile.

STANLEY'S WAR ACTION. Sir Samuel Baker kindly and humorously defended Stanley against the charge of having caused unnecessary bloodshed.

"KILL OR BE KILLED." The speaker said that the American explorer was placed in a position where the alternative was "kill or be killed," and if he had not acted with promptitude it was more than probable that neither the *Herald* nor the *Telegraph* nor the world of science would hear of his fate for very many years to come.

A BRAVE MAN JUSTIFIED. "Stanley," continued Sir Samuel Baker, "performed his duty nobly, and thus acquired a right to the very warmest welcome on the occasion of his return." COLONEL BURTON ACCEPTS CORRECTION. Colonel Burton gracefully accepted the correction of his own views on the sources and course of the Nile.

GREAT ENTUSIASM. The interest and enthusiasm of the speakers and audience were very great during the entire proceedings.

CENTRAL ASIA. THE KHOKAND REVOLUTIONISTS INFLECT HEAVY LOSSES ON THE RUSSIANS.

The *Morning Standard* publishes a special telegram from Vienna which says that accounts from Tashkent report the Russian losses in the recent rising at Khokand as being heavy.

Part of the garrison at Khokand were massacred.

THE SUEZ CANAL. M. DE LESSEPS' OPINION OF ENGLAND'S FUTURE OF THE KHEDEVE'S SHARE.

M. de Lesseps has issued a circular, in which he says he regards England's purchase of the Khedive's shares as a fortunate thing, and the consequence will be the renunciation by the British government of its former hostility to the interests of the shareholders of the canal.

CHINA. NATIVE ASSEMBLAGE FOR RESISTANCE TO AN ENGLISH COMMISSION OF INQUIRY.

A telegram from Shanghai says the British Inquiry Commission met a traveller who warned them that a large force was assembled at Yunnan, and resistance to the investigation into the murder of Mr. Margary might be expected.

THE MALAY PENINSULA. THE BRITISH ARMY MARCH TO PERAK.

A despatch from Penang says it is not expected that the British troops will meet with any serious resistance at Perak.

## ABYSSINIA AND EGYPT.

HUNDREDS OF EGYPTIAN SOLDIERS MASSACRED BY THE EAST AFRICANS.

LONDON, Nov. 29, 1875. The *Daily News* publishes a special telegram from Alexandria to day which says the Abyssinians had surprised and killed a body of 1,200 Egyptians, including seventeen officers.

ENGLAND AND EGYPT. A BRITISH ACCOUNTANT TO OVERHAUL THE KHEDEVE'S FINANCIAL CONDITION.

LONDON, Nov. 30—4 A. M. The *Morning Echo* says the Right Hon. Stephen Cave, Paymaster General, will go to Egypt to inquire into the financial condition of the Khedive's government.

FRANCE. THE ASSEMBLY DEFINES THE PLAN OF ELECTORAL VOTING.

PARIS, Nov. 29, 1875. The Assembly has finally adopted the clause of the Electoral bill providing for *arrondissement*. In the division the Assembly stood 401 for and 200 against the clause.

SPAIN. HENDAYE, Nov. 29, 1875.

The Carlists have commenced again a vigorous bombardment of San Sebastian.

THE EUROPEAN GRAIN MARKETS. LONDON, Nov. 29, 1875.

The *Mark Lane Express*, in its review of the grain markets for the past week, says England has had a dragging trade, with occasional decline, owing chiefly to the want of condition in the sample.

In Holland and Belgium former rates are maintained.

In Germany there have been slight fluctuations. In France the quotations are generally unchanged, although in some provincial markets there has been an advance of 1s. owing to small supplies.

Algeria is suffering from severe drought.

CUBA AND THE CROWN.

ALFONSO'S BIRTHDAY FEET OBSERVED IN HAVANA.

HAVANA, Nov. 29, 1875. The birthday of King Alfonso was celebrated yesterday by festivities at the government Palace and a fine military and civic procession.

THE ROYAL ALBERT BRIDGE.

OTTAWA, Nov. 29, 1875.

Hon. John Young gives notice in the *Official Gazette* that application will be made at the next session of Parliament for an act of incorporation to construct the Royal Albert Bridge across the St. Lawrence at or near St. Helen's Island, to connect the Eastern, Western and Northern railways of Canada with the American and Canadian railways on the south side of the river. The bridge will also be adapted to the running of city cars and for ordinary traffic as well as for foot travel.

NEW YORK AND CANADA RAILROAD.

WHITEHALL, Nov. 29, 1875.

The first regular train over the New York and Canada Railroad from Montreal arrived here at five o'clock P. M. to-day, making the run in eight hours. The road is now open for traffic.

A BANKRUPT AND FORGER.

LEBANON, Pa., Nov. 29, 1875.

Edward J. Backenstose, a Justice of the Peace, of East Hanover township, the owner of a farm and extensively engaged in the shipping of cattle to Eastern markets, failed and appointed an assignee last week. He has been charged with the forging of notes amounting to between \$10,000 and \$15,000 and has fled to parts unknown. His liabilities are reported to amount to about \$25,000.

GOVERNMENT OF CITIES.

ALBANY, Nov. 29, 1875.

The Governor has appointed the following commission to devise a plan for the government of cities: William M. Evans, of New York; Samuel Hand, of Albany; E. G. Gulliver, of New York; Edward C. Carter, of New York; Martin B. Anderson, of Rochester; John A. Lott, of Brooklyn; James C. Carter, of New York; Oswald Oosterdoorn, of New York; William Allen Butler, of Tonawanda; Simon Stern, of New York; Joshua M. Van Cott, of Brooklyn, and Henry F. Dimock, of Brooklyn.

CONSECRATION OF BISHOP M'LANE.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 29, 1875.

The Rev. W. E. McLane, Bishop-elect of Illinois, will be consecrated in the cathedral at Chicago at half-past ten o'clock A. M. on Wednesday, December 8.

FAILURE IN SAN FRANCISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29, 1875.

Fassett & McConley, heavy grain and produce dealers of this city, failed to-day.

AN ARMED FEMALE BURGLAR.

EQUAL RIGHTS IN CRIME—A FARMER, AWAKENED FROM HIS SLEEP, CLASPS A STRANGE INTRUDER IN HIS ARMS.

STROUBERSBURG, Pa., Nov. 29, 1875.

On Sunday night of last week a farmer named James Steen, living in Jackson township, (Monroe) county, was awakened by a noise in his bedroom. He sprang from bed, when he heard some one running out of the room. He followed and captured the intruder, who was about escaping from a window, where entrance had been effected. Mr. Steen grappled the burglar, and found that it was a woman, or a man in woman's clothing. A short struggle ensued in the dark between the two, during which the burglar fired a pistol, the charge fortunately missing its mark. The farmer soon overpowered and secured the desperate thief. Proclaiming a light he discovered that the burglar was a woman not over twenty-five years of age. She was dressed in a close fitting black dress and wore a man's felt hat, with a crown wing in the band. She was recognized as a woman who had been peddling notions about the neighborhood for a day or so, and was evidently a French woman. Mr. Steen kept watch over her captive until morning. She would not talk, merely saying that her name was Frances Stannard. She had gathered up the farmer's pantaloons and coat in the bedroom and had then in her possession when caught.

A WOMAN'S WIT.

On Monday Mr. Steen preferred a charge against his prisoner, and she was remanded to the County Jail to await trial. She was brought to this place on Monday afternoon, and owing to the fact that the jail was in course of reconstruction, she was confined in the grand jury room, and the corridors were filled with smoke. She at once gave the alarm, and by great efforts she managed to escape, jumping from the grand jury room, and making her escape, jumping from the window to the ground, some twelve feet. A large space was burned in the floor and several beams burned in two. In a short time the flames were made such that it was impossible to get into the room, and the fire was extinguished. The sequel shows, however, that she was only acting a part, to throw the authorities off her guard.

Early on Monday morning last Mrs. Tutthill, who has charge of the Court House, was awakened by a strong smell of smoke in the building. Instituting an investigation, she discovered flames issuing from the grand jury room, and the corridors were filled with smoke. She at once gave the alarm, and by great efforts she managed to escape, jumping from the grand jury room, and making her escape, jumping from the window to the ground, some twelve feet. A large space was burned in the floor and several beams burned in two. In a short time the flames were made such that it was impossible to get into the room, and the fire was extinguished. The sequel shows, however, that she was only acting a part, to throw the authorities off her guard.

SHOCKING ACCIDENT. Joseph Abbot, fifteen years of age, while at work in the factory of Hines & McGinnis, No. 37 Bay street, caught his clothes in a belt of machinery and was drawn to the ceiling, thrown round the shaft and killed. He was brought to this place on Monday afternoon, and owing to the fact that the jail was in course of reconstruction, she was confined in the grand jury room, and the corridors were filled with smoke. She at once gave the alarm, and by great efforts she managed to escape, jumping from the grand jury room, and making her escape, jumping from the window to the ground, some twelve feet. A large space was burned in the floor and several beams burned in two. In a short time the flames were made such that it was impossible to get into the room, and the fire was extinguished. The sequel shows, however, that she was only acting a part, to throw the authorities off her guard.

## UNION PACIFIC.

DECISION OF THE SUPREME COURT IN FAVOR OF THE COMPANY. PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST TO THE GOVERNMENT POSTPONED FOR THIRTY YEARS—A SECOND MORTGAGE FOR SECURITY.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29, 1875. The session of the day in Washington has been the rendering of the long expected decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Union Pacific Railroad case. The Attorney General had previously made his argument for the government, involving, indirectly, a money consideration amounting to \$200,000,000. His money editor will tell you how the stock of the company fluctuated in Wall street in response to the decision of the Court, notwithstanding that something of the effect upon the market had been "discounted" by the fulfilled expectation of a decision favorable to the company. But the

SENATE IN THE CAPITAL. here is worth a few words of description. An eager and anxious crowd of speculators, Wall street agents, lawyers and reporters besieged the door of the court room promptly at the hour of noon, when the nine judges, in all the solemn dignity of their robes of black silk, filed into their nine high backed chairs upon the high bench and looked down upon the semi-circle of lawyers in front, sitting in the very spot where Clay's

Waterbury's oratory awoke the echoes of the chamber when it was the Senate of the United States. In the few minutes preliminary to the announcement of the first opinion the Wall street operators and agents furiously ran over their cipher keys that they might make no mistake in the messages they were to flash to the expectant speculators at the New York Stock Exchange, 250 miles away, when the decision for or against the railroad company should be announced. The reporters brushed up their powers of memory, for they dared not take notes. It is one of the rules of the Supreme Court that no one save its attorneys or clerks may put pen or pencil to paper anywhere within its precincts. At length the first opinion was announced. Heads were thrust forward and hands were curled about ears in the eagerness to catch the title. It was some Western national bank versus a delinquent debtor, and heads were drawn back and ears untrumped again. A second opinion was then read, the waiting crowd taking the indication heroically. At the fourth opinion necks were craned forward more and more, and a silence like that of death fell upon the room when Judge Davis said, "I am assigned to read

THE OPINION. in the case of the Union Pacific Railroad vs. the United States." On went the reading amid a deep stillness. When the Judge had reached the portion saying that the Court would not go back to the debates in Congress, the strong point in Attorney General Pierpont's argument for the government, but would abide by the exact language of the statute and its evident meaning, and when he said that if there had been no bonds guaranteed by the United States the government would never have hesitated to pay the railroad the full amount claimed, it was evident that the decision was going to be

IN FAVOR OF THE COMPANY. and some of the speculators slipped out of court on tip-toe and telegraphed to Wall street. But others deemed it safest to wait for the end of the paper, the reading of which took over half an hour. At length when the final sentence was read, "the judgment of the Court of Claims is affirmed," the whole crowd scurried out of the court room at the top of their speed and fled down the long aisles of the Capitol to the telegraph offices located in the south wing, whence hundreds of messages were dashed off to Wall street and the evening press over the country. The decision applies, of course, to all the Pacific railroads, although the suit in this instance was brought by the Union Pacific.

THE TRUE MEANING. of Congress. The act itself was an experiment and should be considered in the nature of a proposal for inducing men to engage in the work, or, at least, to do so, and not to the capital with the married obstacles in the way could be eliminated. If enlisted at all it could be only on condition that the government should pay the interest, and remuneration proportioned to the risk incurred. It preferred that inducement in the way of bonds and interest-bearing bonds of the United States. There is no controversy as to the fact on which the lands were granted, and the only point on which there is any relation to the nature and extent of the obligations imposed by the government is the question of the interest to be paid on the bonds. It is not doubted that the government is to be reimbursed, both principal and interest, but the precise question for decision is whether the government is to pay the interest before the maturity of the principal. The solution of the question depends upon the meaning of the fifth section of the original act, and the sixth section of the act of 1864. 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